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Sports Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to consider sports as a part of its policy to enable young students to get access and training in a sport of their choice as compulsory subject with practical and theoretical lessons;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard and whether any feasibility study has been done in order to assess its implementation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Human Resource Development has constituted a Committee for Integration of Sports in Higher Education as part of its New Education Policy(NEP) consultations. The Terms of Reference of this Committee includes charting out a blue print for the integration of sports within the University framework; recommending the administrative structure required to govern the process of integration; identifying the priority areas of sports infrastructure including the choice of specific sports; and creating necessary partnerships with internationally acclaimed universities, which are well endowed with sports infrastructure and where sports education is well developed. In School Education, one theme of NEP is "Comprehensive Education − Ethics, Physical Education, Arts & Crafts, Life Skills" which underlines the need for holistic development of our students through sensitization of values, ethics, arts, physical education, sports and life skills.

The draft report of the Committee and outcome document of the relevant theme has been forwarded to the Committee for the Evolution of the New Education Policy, which has been constituted to formulate the New Education Policy.